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Source's informant for some of the information in this report is probably his friend Khalid HUSAYNI, although source did not say so. At this stage of his development it would be unwise to frighten him by interrogating him too closely about his informants - but we believe eventually he will give his sources freely, once he has learned to have confidence in us.

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and his Party

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1. The Mufti, who is getting tired of being constantly under observation, in Egypt, is trying to take refuge in Syria, if he can do so without losing the confidence of the Egyptians. Following the murder of Fuqrahi Pasha, in which the Egyptians believe he had a hand with the Ikhwan, the Mufti's mail and telephone conversations have been watched, and funds collected by his supporters in Pakistan and South America have been confiscated. The Mufti asked IA'IN, through Emil GHURY, for permission to enter Syria, which IA'IN granted, for the same reason the Egyptians are reluctant to have him leave, namely, to use as a club against ABDALLAH.
2. Although the Mufti's fighters have been ostensibly released, with the exception of twelve who are retained as guards for certain officers, they actually continue as underground units, their arms have been hidden in designated places, they are secretly paid monthly salaries, and are ready to bear arms when they are needed.
3. Emil GHURY and Munif al-HUSAYNI passed through Beirut on their way from Cairo on 15 May to Damascus, where they met Wafiq al-TAKINI, head of the Arab Committee there. They later saw IA'IN and gave him a letter from the Mufti stating he was ready to place 15,000 to 20,000 Palestinian soldiers at IA'IN's disposal, to fight in the Syrian Army, provided the responsible officers are from the Syrian regular Army. IA'IN agreed to this, as soon as he receives the necessary arms.
4. After staying two days in Damascus and contacting all their followers, GHURY and Munif al-HUSAYNI went on to Aleppo and Lattaqiyyah, to receive a shipment of arms they bought from the Greeks for the Mufti, which are to remain in Syria with the permission of the Syrian government.
5. The Mufti's stock has risen in Palestine in consequence of ABDALLAH's unpopular move of ceding part of the Arab Triangle to the Jews. The Mufti has written to a number of the officers of his Army, including Ibrahim al-DIYAT and Khalid al-HUSAYNI, asking them to tell him
I. Circumstantial account of events of the Palestine war, with names, dates and figures;

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2. Indications of intervention by any outside authority prejudicing the Palestinians' defense;
3. Factors they believe caused the collapse of the Palestine cause, and its present situation;
4. Political and military factors prejudicial to the cause of the Palestinian Arabs.

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6. The Mufti has written the Arab Committee in Beirut and Damascus, asking for names of persons in contact with Mr. MARSAK, the Britisher who formerly directed the Sharq al-Jadida Broadcasting station in Jaffa. The Mufti asks that MARSAK be watched, as he believes him to have assistants in the Arab countries, particularly in Damascus and Beirut, and wants an immediate report on his activities, and the names and activities of his assistants. (Field note: It is not known which MARSAK source is referring to. They are both British Moslems suspected by many Arabs as British agents.)